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CANDLELIGHT DINNER

THURSDAY MARCH 19, 1987

TAVISTOCK COUNTRY CLUB

Time: Social Hour - 6:30; Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$16.50 per person

Menu: Soup, Boneless Chicken a la Tavistock, rice pilaf and carrot
souffle; dessert, lemon chiffon pie

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 16. The reservations
with check should be sent to:

Margie Kanupke
321 Estaugh Avenue
Haddonfield, N.J. 08033

For further information call P.W. Lennon after 6:00 p.m. at (609) 428-0117

CANDLELIGHT DINNER SPEAKER

Ted Gordon

"THE LURE OF THE PINE BARRENS"

This unique area of New Jersey has a diversity of landscapes rich in history and rare and endangered plants and animals. Four seasons of exploration in the Pine Barrens will be presented by Ted Gordon, a naturalist, local historian, photographer, canoe guide and jeep-tour guide. The Pinelands Commission hired him in 1979 to give its staff a series of orientation lectures on all aspects of the Pine Barrens - flora, fauna, critical habitats, geology, history and industries.

Send Your Reservation in Today!

President's Message

As I undertake the job of President, I feel that I am following in some pretty large footsteps - but I think a challenge is good for all of us.

During the coming year, one of our most important jobs will be to put into practice the new By-Laws which were simplified and adopted last May. Under the leadership of Joseph Hartel, as head of the Planning Committee, and the hard work of Pat Lennon, as co-ordinator, we now have an Operations Manual. This manual outlines general procedures and duties of each officer, trustee, and chairperson of the Executive Council of the Historical Society. It should prove a helpful guide for all Council members during the coming year. We express sincere thanks to both Joe and Pat for jobs-well-done.

Some years back, a review and progress report of the Haddonfield Historical Society was written by one of our members. In reading this report, it is my feeling that the suggestions set forth at that time are just as viable today and can be made our goals for the present year. First of all, we should strengthen our membership. "Growth in numbers is...an asset; an active membership is a blessing if not an absolute necessity." Second, we hope to encourage more of our members to be active members. We want to know their interests and put them to work. A third goal is to make the facilities of our Society more useful to the community through research, education, publications, preservation. We want to make Haddonfield aware of us and what we have to offer. We ask that each member decide to be a part of these goals and help make Year 1987 one of the most productive and worthwhile.

Mary Carll
President

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Women's Committee

The Women's Committee has been busy since our last report. First we announce with pleasure the result of our Christmas Bazaar - a net total of \$2,088.94 - a profit of \$300 over last year. This is thanks to the member's donations of goodies and baked goods plus the diligent work of the ladies who made our famous Williamsburg Balls. They and the baked goods sold like hot cakes!

But our nicest surprise is the painting of the downstairs rooms of the Society. Please stop in on visitor's days and see what a difference a coat of paint has made to these lovely rooms. It makes the spending of our hard earned money all worth while.

Dot Sherrerd
Chairman
Publicity Committee

TREASURES IN THE LIBRARY

If anyone is looking for treasure - not that hidden by pirates or the legendary riches buried in the wrecks of Spanish galleons - but written treasures - the record of a family, a store, a church or a tavern, land transactions, the impact of transportation on a community or the development of industry, the search may end at the library of The Historical Society of Haddonfield.

There, almost every day the library is open, librarians Kathy Tassini and Carol Simonson and researcher Joe Hartel discover some new treasure in the Society's collection. It can be a map, an account book, family papers, post cards, a deed, an original manuscript or old newspapers - all of which shed light on some facet of life in Haddonfield in the past.

Some of the materials they uncover, while of inherent historical value, do not conform to the Society's purpose as defined in the bylaws, "...the study of the history of the Borough of Haddonfield in the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey, the study of organizations, societies, families, individuals and events..."

In the past, the Society accepted, catalogued and shelved these materials. However, with space at a premium and the cost of protecting original Haddonfield documents escalating, the Society adopted a de-accessioning policy which permits the librarian to offer non-relevant material to other libraries; to sell them through the Village Fair or Auction or to dealers; or, if not other use is found, to destroy them. De-accessioning has made more space available and the Haddonfield collections more accessible.

"Today we have a much better idea of what we have in the library; we know the colonial history of the town has been well mined," Ms. Tassini said "but there is still a lot about Haddonfield we don't know, particularly from the early Victorian era to the construction of the Ben Franklin Bridge."

Even now more people are coming to Greenfield Hall on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon to use library resources. There have been some days when finding space for researchers has been a real problem!

"There is so much here," Ms. Tassini stated, "So much really fascinating material; for example, the Rowand papers, the Hinchman collection, Haddonfield as a resort; the Capern houses..." "And," she continued, "that's just the beginning - there is such a wealth of original documentary material in the library just waiting to be researched."

Ms. Tassini will be glad to suggest topics begging to be explored and to help any member of the Society get started on a research project which will most certainly be a rewarding journey of discovery.

Patricia Lennon

One of the recent acquisitions of the Historical Society is a lovely walnut card table, a transitional piece of the Hepplewhite to Sheraton period. This is from the Estate of Marion Westcoat and has been placed in the back parlor of Greenfield Hall.

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The next regular meeting is May 21, 1987. Please send items for publication by April 15, 1987 to Editors Betty and Stuart Lyons, 217 Homestead Ave, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Research and geneological inquiries are welcome.

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ECHOES OF THE PAST

The "American Society for the Extension of University Teaching," is the title of an association, a branch of which was organized in Haddonfield January 31st 1890. Dr. J.R. Stevenson was President, Miss Mary Tunnelle, Secretary and Miss Ela Stiles, Treasurer. The working committee was Joseph Alexander, Miss Hetty Elfreth, Miss Emma Middleton, Mrs. Charles R. Stevenson, James L. Pennypacker and J. Fithian Tatem.

The first project was a course of six lectures by Professor Cheyney of the University of Pennsylvania. Meetings were held in Wilkins' Hall and the subject was "Europe in the 19th Century".

Tickets for the course, sold at local drug stores, were \$1.00 with 25 cents the price for one lecture. It was sold out immediately. The capacity was 250 chairs in the auditorium, and there was a waiting list for tickets.

Following the series of lectures a reception was held at the residence of Dr. Stevenson where plans were made for another course of lectures.

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